

The few simple words in which he had touched on the tie that bound Lady Janet to her, had wrung her heart. Her tears choked her. She could only sign to him to go on.

"You may wonder at my speaking so positively," he continued, "with nothing better than my own conviction to justify me. I can only say that I have watched Lady Janet too closely to feel any doubt. I saw the moment in which the truth flashed on her, as plainly as I now see you. It did not disclose itself gradually—it burst on her, as it burst on me. She suspected nothing—she was frankly indignant at your sudden interference and your strange language—until the time came in which you pledged yourself to produce Mercy Merrick. Then (and then only) the truth broke on her mind, trebly revealed to her in your words, your voice, and your look. Then (and then only) I saw a marked change come over her, and remain in her while she remained in the room. I dread to think of what she may do in the first reckless despair of the discovery that she has made. I distrust—though God knows I am not naturally a suspicious man—the most apparently trifling events that are now taking place about us. You have held nobly to your resolution to own the truth. Prepare yourself, before the evening is over, to be tried and tempted again."

Mercy lifted her head. Fear took the place of grief in her eyes, as they rested in startled inquiry on Julian's face. "How is it possible that temptation can come to me now?" she asked.

(To be continued.)

Varieties.

A reporter calls a woman who had buried four husbands a "married quadrilateral." This is good; but why didn't he say a four-cornered widow, and then everybody would have understood him?

If you would have an idea of the ocean in storm, says a temperance orator, just imagine four thousand hills and four thousand mountains in vino, running over newly-ploughed ground with lots of caverns in it for them to step into now and then.

At a medical examination a short time back a question was put to the students as to the meaning of the word "hypothesis." One candidate replied that it was "a machine for raising water;" another gave the answer that it was something that happened to a man after death. It was Daniel who said "Many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased." He clearly referred to the reporters in this remark, and this suggests the idea that Daniel was in that line himself; it is certain at all events that he was allowed to pass in free to see the lions.

A Scotch postmaster, puzzling over a very uncertain superscription to an Irish letter, jocosely remarked to an intelligent son of Erin, who stood by, that the Irish brought a hard set of names to Scotland. "That's a fact, yer honour," replied the Irishman; "but they get harder ones after they arrive here."

A gentleman took the following telegram to a telegraph office:—"I announce with grief the death of Uncle James. Come quickly to read will. I believe we are his heirs.—JOHN BLACK." The clerk, having counted the words, said: "There are two words too many, sir." "All right, cut out 'with grief.'"

An exchange informs us that an intelligent foreigner recently wrote to his home friends that "when a great man dies in the United States, the first thing done is to propose a fine statue in his honour; next, to raise part of the necessary money; next, to forget to order any statue; and last, to wonder what became of the money."

The latest method of spending the "honeymoon" is reported from Italy. An American recently met at Rome an old school-fellow whom he had not seen for years.

"You here?" "Yes, my dear fellow; I have just been married, and am come to pass the honeymoon in Italy."

"And your wife?" "My wife? Oh, I left her in New York!"

Says Josh: "Before you ask a favour of any man consider three things. First, can you not avoid it? Second, can the one you apply to grant it? Third, would you, if your places were reversed, do for your friend what you ask him to do for yourself? It is well to think of this." Quite right, philosopher, Josh's critic replies, and it may give the other man time to get round the corner and out of sight, or to leave the room in a hurry when he sees what you are up to."

A correspondent of the Court Journal writes: "Driving with a relative over Tansley Common, near Matlock, last week, he told me the following anecdote, the truth of which is well-known in the neighbourhood:—A good many years ago, a rich farmer and miser lost himself on the common (which is a very wild spot amongst the hills) one night during a thick fog. He began to sing out, 'Lost, I'm lost!' After a long time he was heard by a man, who managed to get him home. He gave the man half-a-crown (which, I suppose, he considered the value of his life), and thanked him heartily. The next day the miser was telling one of his servants the occurrence of the previous night, whereon Chawbacon said: 'Aa, mester, dunna ye know it wor me as fun yo?' Whereon the miser replied: 'Aa, war it they? Wa, thou'rt ma servant, and nu pay thee wages, thou mun gee me back ma hauf-crown.'"

Chess.

Solutions to problems sent in by Correspondents will be duly acknowledged.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Q. E. C., Montreal.—Problem 72 admits of a double solution in three moves; there is, as you suggest, a blk. P. wanted (at Black's K. Kt.'s 4th) to make it perfect. Your solution of No. 73 is quite correct, although not the one intended by the composer. In the latter problem, there should be a white pawn at Q. R. 2nd.

GENERAL INTELLIGENCE.

In addition to the regular chess columns of the Toronto Globe and Mail, the London (Ont.) Advertiser now publishes four diagrams of original problems in each weekly edition. The Ontario clubs are still engaged in a series of matches by telegraph.

Chess on the Continent and in Britain seems to be flourishing, judging from the frequent report of meetings, &c., in our English exchanges, and the number of chess periodicals and "columns" appearing recently. The match, Vienna v. London, is still progressing, and another has been commenced between Leipzig and Breslau.

Stimpson's "Divan" in the Strand, London, (Eng.) is the rendezvous of several eminent players: Steinitz, Blackburne, De Vere, Potter, and others of scarcely lesser celebrity; late numbers of the Field contain games played there.

The Glasgow Weekly Herald, in its chess column of February 1st, gives some particulars of a recent visit to their city by Dr. Lukertort, the famous German player, who played, on one occasion, twelve of the strongest members of their club simultaneously, and without sight of the board, winning five of the games, drew five, and lost but one; the remaining game was unfinished.

The following are the prize-winners in a lately concluded tourney of the Brooklyn (N.Y.) Chess Club:—Mr. E. DeLamar, 1st, by a score of 19 games won, lost 5; Mr. F. Perrin, 2nd, 18 games won, lost 5; Mr. Dill, 3rd, 18 games won, lost 7.

Another game in the recent match by telegraph. TORONTO V. SEAFORTH. Vienna opening.

White. Dr. Vercoe. (Seaforth.) Black. Mr. H. Northcote. (Toronto.) 1. P. to K. 4th 2. Q. Kt. to B. 3rd 3. B. to Q. Kt. 5th 4. K. Kt. to B. 3rd 5. Castles. 6. P. to Q. 3rd 7. Kt. takes P. 8. P. to Q. 4th 9. B. to Q. R. 4th 10. P. takes Kt. 11. Kt. to K. 2nd 12. B. to Q. Kt. 3rd 13. P. to K. R. 4th 14. Q. to Q. 3rd 15. P. to Q. R. 4th 16. B. to Q. 2nd 17. P. to K. B. 5th 18. Q. to K. Kt. 3rd 19. B. to Q. B. 3rd 20. Kt. to K. B. 4th (d) 21. B. takes Kt. 22. B. takes R. wins.

(a) This leaves White a fine attack; we should have preferred casting.

(b) If B. to Kt. 5th the following is a likely continuation:—

White. Black. 10. P. takes Kt. B. takes Kt. 11. P. takes B. Q. to Q. R. 4th 12. Q. to Q. 4th, with a superior game.

(c) B. to K. R. 1st seem better.

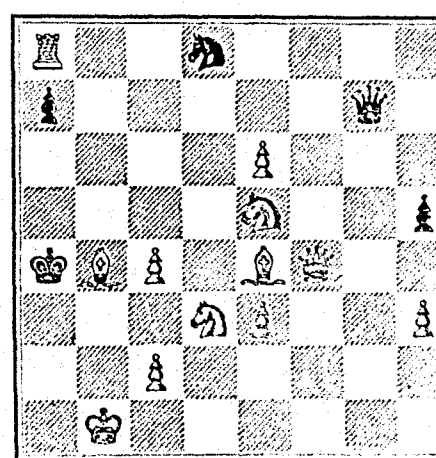
(d) Wh. let's play throughout is admirable.

(e) A slip, which loses at once: B. to K. sq. would, perhaps, have been best, surrendering the exchange. If Kt. to B. 2nd—

White. Black. 21. Kt. to K. 5th Kt. to Kt. 4th (best) 22. P. to K. R. 4th P. to Q. 4th 23. Q. to Kt. 4th wins.

The following masterly stratagem won the second prize in the Problem Tourney, for last year, of the London (Ont.) Advertiser.

We congratulate our correspondent on the distinction gained against such competitors as Messrs. Shinkman, Gillberg, Madge, Wheeler, Martindale, and other highly ingenious composers. Mr. O. P. Rice (of the United States) carried off the first prize:



White. Black. 1. Q. to K. R. sq. K. takes P. 2. Q. to Q. R. 5th K. to B. 5th (a) 3. Q. mates. 2. Any other move.

SOLUTION OF PROBLEM No. 73. White. Black. 1. Q. to K. R. sq. K. takes P. 2. Q. to Q. R. 5th K. to B. 5th (a) 3. Q. mates. 2. Any other move.

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